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TO AMEMBASSY TEHRAN

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SHUM, IR, OREP

SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS: FRASER HEARINGS

1. DURING HEARING SEPTEMBER 8, ATHERTON STATED WE WOULD ATTEMPT PROVIDE SOME FURTHER INFORMATION ON A FEW MATTERS. WE NOTED THAT REPLY MAY BE CLASSIFIED.

2. REPORT PREPARED FOR FRASER HEARINGS BY AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL STATES: ALTHOUGH IT IS TRUE THAT THERE IS TERRORIST ACTIVITY IN IRAN, AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL HAS RELIABLE INFORMATION ABOUT MANY PRISONERS WHO HAVE CLEARLY NOT BEEN INVOLVED IN ANY VIOLENCE. AMONG THESE ARE NASSER RAHMANI-NEZHAD, MAHMOUD DOULAT-ABBADI, SAEED SOLTANPOUR AND MOHSEN YELEFANI, WHO ARE WELL-KNOWN IN IRAN FOR THEIR WRITINGS AND WORK IN THE THEATRE. THEY WERE ARRESTED AS THEY WERE PREPARING TO STAGE MAXIM GORKI'S THE LOWER DEPTHS. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION ON THE FOUR PERSONS NAMED.

3. FRASER ASKED: "TO WHAT EXTENT DOES SAVAK, OR THE MEMBERS OF SAVAK, ARE TO BE FOUND IN INSTITUTIONS WITHIN IRAN, IN

THE EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM AND SO ON?" DRAFT REPLY BY EMBASSY FOR OUR USE WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL.

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4. FRASER REPEATEDLY RETURNED TO QUESTION OF TORTURE OF PRISONERS. COULD YOU AGAIN REVIEW YOUR REPORTING AND SEE IF WE CAN ADD TO IT ON THIS SUBJECT. ENTIRE TEXT OF TESTIMONY BEING POUCHED TO MIKLOS.

ROBINSON

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